



Mt. Adams Ranger District Backcountry Crew at Wood Lake

Where: Gifford-Pinchot National Forest near Trout Lake, Washington

Dates: Friday, August 24 through Friday, August 31 (with a morning meeting time on August 24)

Project Description: Join the highly skilled Mt Adams District Forest Service trail crew in the lake-filled and huckleberry-filled Indian Heaven Wilderness, and take part in reconstruction of switchbacks, turnpikes, and eroded tread. The crew will backpack their personal gear 4 miles to the backcountry base camp and hike approximately 2 total miles each day to/from the project site. Prior trail maintenance experience is not required; experienced trail crew leaders will be there to help teach you the skills needed. Backcountry experience is needed.

Fee: *PCTA volunteer events are free!* Safety equipment and tools are available for your use throughout the project period.

Camping and Meals: Volunteers will backcountry camp. Meals are **not** included in this trip. Volunteers will need to bring and prepare their food. Food cost reimbursements will be applied.

Elevation: 5000 feet

Fitness Level 3: Difficult. This project is suitable for individuals who are fit and participate in an exercise routine consistently. Project components will include one or more from the following: hiking 3-8 miles each day on a rough, steep, and/or rocky trail, elevation change over 1000 ft over the course of the hike, moderately physical work activities, and/or backpacking. This project will be difficult, participants need to be in great physical conditioning and are aware of their physical abilities and limits before joining this project.

What to Bring: Volunteers need to bring personal camp gear, appropriate outdoor clothing, and boots. A comprehensive list is provided upon registration.

Volunteer Positions Available: 7

To Register: Please contact Merrit Hoeh at 916-285-1838 or at volunteer@pcta.org.